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SUBC: NONALIGNED SUMMIT-FAREWELL DISCUSSION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER USHER

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1. DURING THE COURSE OF FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARSENE USHER ASSOUAN, I INQUIRED AT TO
IVORIAN REPRESENTATION AT FORTHCOMING NONALIGNED SUMMIT
IN COLOMBO. USHER CONFIRMED RUMOR WE HAD BEEN HEARING IN
LAST FEW DAYS THAT NO MINISTER WOULD ATTEND FROM IVORY
COAST. HE ADDED THAT IVORIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED
BY AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS, SIMEON AKE.

2. I, NEVERTHELESS, TOOK OCCASION TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION
ON KOREA AND ON PUERTO RICO. I CITED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
JULY 22 SPEECH WITH THE CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL
PARTIES CONVERNED IN KOREAN ISSUE AND REITERATED OUR
WILLINGNESS TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA ONCE THERE IS
A MUTUAL ACCORD PERPETUATION THE ARMISTICE OR REPLACING
IT WITH A MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT.

3. USHER AGREED WITH U.S. POSITION AND FOUND IT THE ONLY
REASONABLE ONE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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4. I ALSO RESTATED OUR POLICY ON PUERTO RICO, STRESSING THE TINY MINORITY WHICH, UNDER CUBAN PRESSURE, IS PUSHING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND URGED PARTICULARLY THAT THIS MATTER NOT BE BROUGHT UP EITHER AT COLOMBO OR AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I STRESSED THAT DEBATE AND VOTE ON PUERTO RICO WOULD BE CONSIDERED INTERVENTION IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING UN AS A WHOLE. IN VIEW OF GOIC POSITON ON COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-FOUR, I PARTICULARLY HOPED FOR IVORIAN SUPPORT.

5. IN THIS CASE TOO USHER WAS FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH U.S. POSITION.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATINN WITH SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST I LEARNED THAT HE HAD ALSO SEEN USHER TODAY AND HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR RESPONSE ON KOREAN QUESTION.
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